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## WAR DEPARTMENT TO PURCHASE CAMP

In the List of Those to Be Acquired and Retained is Camp Jackson at Columbia.

### ALSO OTHERS IN SOUTH

Government Will Also Buy 13 Aviation Centers, With Those Already Acquired Making Total of 19 Fields.

Washington, March 25.—Decision of the war department to proceed with the purchase of sites of 15 army camps and 13 balloon and flying fields over the country was announced by Acting Secretary Crowell. Less than \$15,000,000 will be involved, Mr. Crowell said, and it will not be necessary to await action by congress as the department now has the necessary funds.

With these purchases completed the army will have 30 training camps, including the original 16 cantonments constructed for the training of the national army, and 19 aviation centers, most of which will be in the southeastern states, Texas and California. The few fields to be retained in the north will be regarded as summer flying centers only.

#### Many Camps to Go.

Twenty-seven camps and 15 aviation fields will be abandoned. Orders already have gone out for the abandonment of 20 of the camps including nearly all of the national guard training centers set up after the United States declared war on Germany. Construction work on the 27 camps, according to war department figures, represents a cost of approximately \$110,000,000, of which \$43,000,000 was spent on the four embarkation cantonments—Mills, N. Y., and Merritt, N. J., and Stuart and Hill, Newport News.

Approximately \$280,000,000 has been spent in construction work on the 15 cantonments to be bought and the 15 now owned and it was largely because of the sum involved the department decided to go ahead with the purchase. Most of the 30 camps are being used as demobilization centers, but no definite plans for their employment after the war army is disbanded have been evolved. It was explained the whole problem of the future use of the camps depended upon the nation's military policy and no conclusion as to that could be reached until the peace conference at Paris had rendered its decision as to world disarmament.

Announcement already has been made that only two flying fields actually would be used in training army aviators in peace time and others purchased or now owned would become storage plants for material on hand or under contract. Location of the flying centers to be retained shows a plan to have three general training centers, one in the far west, one in the southwestern part of the country and one in the southeast, with the different fields in each section close enough together so elementary and advanced training will be provided within a reasonable area. Total expenditures on the 19 flying and balloon fields to be retained represented about \$30,000,000.

#### To Buy and Sell Sevier.

Besides the fields to be bought for military purposes, one other, Chapman field, Florida, also will be purchased "for business reasons" and subsequently sold. The same procedure will be followed in the case of Camp Sevier, S. C., which was used as a national guard training center. Mr. Crowell said it was cheaper for the government to buy this field at the option price of \$597,940 and sell it again than to pay the damage claims made against the government as the result of building of the camp.

Secretary Crowell said the department had contemplated retaining Hazelhurst field, on Long Island, but that the land would cost entirely too much money. The option price on the field was placed at \$1,550,000, or nearly twice the cost of the site of any of the 13 aviation centers to be purchased. The government has spent \$5,348,598 on con-

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## HOOVER WANTS FIXED FOOD PRICES TO STAND

Fears Price Will Run Up If Sugar and Wheat Are Allowed to Find Own Price.

New York, March 25.—A cable gram from Herbert Hoover, director general of the International relief organization, expressing regret that this country had abandoned stabilization of hog prices and urging continuation of stabilization in sugar, cotton seed products and wheat, was discussed at a meeting here of executive officers of the food administration.

Pointing out that hog prices had risen since the stabilization plan was abandoned two weeks ago, Mr. Hoover's message asserted that if the only foodstuffs now controlled are thrown upon the market "without any steady hand," the dire need of the world may produce further dislocation and place an added burden on American consumers.

It was said that, with ocean transport still restricted, food must be shipped overseas in its most concentrated forms, but that when more tonnage became available, it was hoped such foodstuffs as beans, rice and canned vegetables and fish, of which the United States has a surplus, may be sent abroad.

## JAPS DENY THREAT TO LEAVE PEACE CONGRESS

It Had Been Rumored They Would Withdraw Unless Racial Claims Were Granted.

Paris, March 24.—The Japanese delegates to the peace conference declare at no time have they made any threat to break away from the conference if certain claims of Japan were not recognized.

Some concern had been aroused in the delegation by reports printed here of the speech recently delivered by Viscount Ishii, the Japanese ambassador to the United States, in New York city, to the effect the ambassador had stated in his speech Japan would withdraw from the conference if recognition were not given her claim for equal treatment of the citizens of all nations members of the league of nations. Cabled copies of Ambassador Ishii's speech have since been received by the delegation, however, showing no such declaration by the ambassador as had been reported, and relieving the concern of the delegation.

(Ambassador Ishii in his speech before the Japanese society March 14, made a plea for the inclusion in the proposed covenant of the league of nations of a provision to eliminate race discrimination. He made no threat, however, that Japan would withdraw from the peace conference if such a provision were not embodied in the covenant.)

#### Gov. Cooper Goes to New York.

Columbia, S. C., March 24.—Governor Cooper left yesterday afternoon for New York to participate in the celebration in New York in welcoming home the 27th division which was trained at Camp Wadsworth, Spartanburg, S. C. Lieut. Col. Wade Hampton Hayes, of the division, has been designated as Governor Cooper's aid while in New York.

#### Appointed Delegates.

Governor Cooper has appointed the following delegates, among a large number from other parts of the state to the annual meeting of the United States Good Roads association to be held at Mineral Wells, Texas, April 14-19: John T. Stevens, Kershaw; A. L. Gaston, Chester; R. A. Wilson, Rock Hill; C. Frank Clyburn, Kershaw; John R. Hart, York; George B. Craven, Lancaster; R. G. Rhett, Charleston; O. P. Mills, A. B. Carter and L. C. Hawkins, Greenville.

#### To Arrange Schedule.

Col. Leroy Springs, president of the Lancaster and Chester railway will hold a conference in the rooms of the Chester chamber of commerce Wednesday morning, immediately following the arrival of the train there from this city, with citizens from Chester, Richburg, Bascomville, Fort Lawn and others interested in the change of schedule of this railroad. He is desirous of arranging a satisfactory schedule without resorting to the South Carolina railroad commission.

## PRESBYTERIANS ARE TO RAISE \$3,500,000

Intensive Drive Now Under Way as Forerunner of Other Campaigns Later.

### AVERAGE \$10 PER MEMBER

There are About 375,000 Members of the Southern Presbyterian Church and They Have Been Liberal in Past.

The total membership of the Southern Presbyterian church is 375,000. The call of the general assembly's committee on stewardship in the intensive drive throughout the church during the present month is for \$3,500,000, to be paid within the next twelve months for benevolent causes of the church is a call for practically ten dollars from each member of the church, or the total sum averages this amount from each member. This call from the stewardship constitutes the first call in the progressive program to continue for the next three years, during which time \$12,000,000 is to be contributed for home missions, foreign missions, Christian education and ministerial relief, Sabbath school extension and Bible cause.

Statistics show that already the Southern Presbyterian church probably leads all denominations in the south in per capita contributions to church benevolences, and reports that are coming in large numbers daily to the office of the director of the present campaign show that in all sections of the church the membership is rallying to the support of the program for yet larger gifts for the support of benevolent causes.

From no part of the church is this awakening more evident than from churches in home mission territory in the southwest where, in some instances, subscriptions made during the present month show an increase from 100 to 1,600 per cent increase in pledges for benevolent causes over what was contributed the past year. In this church there are 694 home missionaries, including their wives, who labor unselfishly on the frontier, in the mountains, among the negroes and other dependent and exceptional classes, the salaries of many of these being far below what is recognized as even the "living wage," and it is a striking testimony to their effective work that the pledges of churches in home mission territory show such marked increase over the contributions of last year.

#### HOSPITAL UNITS ASSIGNED

##### FOR EARLY RETURN HOME

Washington, U. S., March 25.—The following army organizations were announced as assigned to early convey home from France: Base hospitals Nos. 62, 202, 40, 76 and 12; evacuation hospital No. 35; hospital train No. 39; field hospital No. 41; convalescent camp No. seven, and bakery company No. 350.

Announcement that the "253rd field artillery" had sailed on the battleship Connecticut, due at Newport News, March 24, was corrected to read "62nd field artillery brigade headquarters."

#### State Board of Health.

Sanitary water analysis No. 2087 of water received March 10th, 1919, from commissioners of public works, Lancaster, S. C.

Results in Parts Per Million	Per Million
Color	5.00
Chlorine	11.00
Free ammonia	0.01
Albuminoid ammonia	0.04
Nitrogen in Nitrites	0.00
Nitrogen in Nitrates	0.20
Total solids	96.00

#### Bacterial Analysis.

Bacterial indications of contaminations: Negative. Remarks: Analysts indicate water to be of good quality and free from contamination.

Respectfully submitted,

F. L. Parker, M. D.

#### To Sell Fixtures.

The local board for Lancaster county is advertising for sealed bids for the office fixtures, typewriter, filing cabinets, etc., used while it was in session. The equipment is in good order and should bring good prices.

## CAPTAIN SPRINGS IN VICTORY LOAN

South Carolina Ace to Speak in Drive Which Begins Later Part April.

### ALSO MEETS THIRTIETH

Invited to Be One of Receiving Committee in New York to Greet the Boys When They Return Home.

The following is from the Columbia State of Saturday:

The plan of the state committee on the Victory Loan to engage heroes of the war to tell the people why the loan should be subscribed is developing daily. Capt. Elliott Springs of Lancaster, American ace and recipient of decorations from England and France, as well as from his own country, has been invited to be one of the speakers. Captain Springs has also been invited to be one of the receiving committee when the boys of the Thirtieth Division come home. He has been ill in New York for some time with influenza, but is expected in South Carolina next week.

Leroy Springs, who was in Columbia yesterday, stated that he felt sure that his son, Captain Springs, would be pleased to do anything that he could to promote the Victory Loan, although as a matter of fact Captain Springs is extremely reluctant to talk about the war and to appear in public. This is in keeping with the high sense of honor of the American aces. They abhor anything like personal glorification.

This attitude is aptly illustrated by Colonel Bishop, the noted British ace, who is now making speeches in this country. Recently he visited Nashville and Birmingham among other places, and there upon the mention of the name of Elliott Springs he was greeted with so much enthusiasm that the speaker said: "I see that this South Carolinian is not unknown to you," and after paying a beautiful compliment to his chivalry, Colonel Bishop told a story to illustrate his modesty. Friends who heard it thought it was good to keep and write to Colonel Springs about it. According to Colonel Bishop, Mr. Springs wrote to his son for a photograph. Elliott Springs declared, "Well, I will send him a picture, but he will never use it in a newspaper." Whereupon he wrote across the face of the picture a saucy message which the father would not have endured from any but an American ace fighting in France. The message was effective and the photograph never appeared in print.

Elliott Springs retires from the service with the rank of captain of the aviation corps, which is indeed a very high distinction, because before he had a commission of any kind he was commandant of a number of men equal to an infantry company, and his relative station therefore is about like that of a lieutenant colonel of the line.

While he makes no pretension to oratory, he will be effective among the forces to be used in the state to put over the Victory Loan more than 100 per cent for South Carolina.

#### SHIPS BRINGING 30TH DIVISION

WILL LAND AT CHARLESTON  
Washington, March 25.—All transports bringing home units of the 30th (Old Hickory) division will go to Charleston, unless they carry also sick and wounded soldiers, for whom there are no facilities at the South Carolina port.

In addition to the transport Mercury, the war department announced officially that the transports Pocahontas, Matawaska and Konigin Der Nederlanden, all with units of the 30th aboard, has been diverted from Newport News and would land their men at Charleston.

#### INDICTED FOR MURDER.

Long Beach, N. Y., March 25.—Dr. Walter Keen Wilkins, whose wife was killed with a hammer on the night of February 27 and who told the police that burglars had committed the deed, was indicted by the Nassau county grand jury for murder in the first degree.

## SAYS JAPS MEANT TO GO OVER TO GERMANY

But After Seeing American Zeal in War, Japan Changed Her Mind.

Washington, March 25.—In an address published in the final edition of the record of the last congress, Representative Alvant Fuller, of Massachusetts, describes an interview with M. Delanney, French ambassador to Japan, and attributes to the ambassador the statement that Japan is not sincerely pro-ally, but intended to support Germany until a Japanese mission learned how wholeheartedly America was going into the war.

Mr. Fuller's remarks, printed under the privilege accorded members to insert in the record speeches not actually delivered on the floor, concerned primarily abuses of the franking privilege. Turning from that subject, he told at length of a visit to Europe shortly after the armistice was signed.

"My trip across the water was uneventful," he wrote. "I found among my fellow passengers a most delightful person, who was no other than M. Delanney the French ambassador to Japan. I took occasion to ask the ambassador if, as a result of his observation, the Japanese were sincerely pro-ally. To this inquiry the ambassador replied very definitely, 'No, sir,' and inquired 'who in the world thought they were sincerely pro-ally?'"

"Ambassador Delanney stated to me the Japanese intended to support Germany, but after their commission visited here and saw how wholeheartedly we were going into the war they were afraid to do so. Ambassador Delanney stated that he sailed from Japan to Vancouver and when the party arrived and learned the news that Austria had surrendered, the Japanese members of the party were visibly disappointed.

"He likened the emperor and the military caste of Japan to that of Germany. He said their methods and ideas were identical with those of Germany."

## IMPORTANT AMENDMENTS TO COVENANT DEFERRED

Monroe Doctrine Japanese Racial Question and French Amendment To Come Up Monday.

Paris, March 24.—The peace conference commission on the league of nations at its meeting at American headquarters under the chairmanship of President Wilson completed consideration of eight articles of the league covenant, the changes being formal. The important amendments concerning the Monroe doctrine, the Japanese amendment for just racial treatment and the French amendment relative to the creation of a general staff, were deferred for consideration at the next meeting to be held Monday at 8:30 p. m.

The Japanese amendment has been revised so as to be introduced in the preamble and recites the equality of nationals of the states belonging to the league.

#### Mr. and Mrs. Brittain Entertain.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Brittain delightfully entertained at an elegant dinner party on Friday complimentary to Misses Genevieve Boyd and Perry Belle Bennett. Spring flowers were attractively used throughout the house and the table was lovely in its appointments.

#### Want Her Name.

The Baptist hospital in Columbia has received a letter from a lady in Lancaster, suffering with appendicitis and asking to be admitted to the hospital for treatment. The lady neglected to sign her name and, while the institution will receive her, the authorities do not know who to communicate with.

#### Roads Getting in Good Shape.

The roads of Lancaster are now getting in good condition since the dry weather has come. The Charlotte road is good as far as the top soil has been put on and the bad stretches near Pleasant Valley are in much better condition than they were a few weeks ago when automobiles were getting stuck by the dozen. The road to Chester by way of Gooch's ferry is also in good condition though rough at places and the road to Rock Hill by way of Cureton's ferry is good the greater part of the distance. To the south of Lancaster the road is good as far as Camden.

## ADDITIONAL UNITS OF 30TH TO ARRIVE

Returning Troops Are on Transport Madawaska and Expected About April 1.

### DEBARK AT CHARLESTON

Included in Those Aboard is the 119th Infantry and Thirty-Seventh Division, the Latter Expected About March 30.

Washington, March 25.—Additional units of the 30th division have sailed from France and soon will land at Charleston. This was announced by the war department. Simultaneously troops already at Newport News were arranging for a review in the state capital of North Carolina. Col. Albert Cox, at Newport News, was in communication with Raleigh citizens regarding the details of a reception for the 113th field artillery.

The announcement of the war department shows that Brig. Gen. Samson L. Faison, of the headquarters staff, 30th division, is included in the officers and men of that famous division, en route from St. Nazaire.

The returning troops from North and South Carolina and Tennessee are returning on the transport Madawaska and are due at Charleston, April 1.

On cabled advices from General Pershing the war department furnishes the following details regarding the sailing date of arrival and camp destination of the various units of the 30th division now en route home:

The transport Madawaska sailed from St. Nazaire March 18, and is due to arrive at Charleston April 1, with the following troops:

#### Brings 119th Infantry.

Headquarters 30th division, Camp Jackson, 34 officers, 3 army field clerks, including Brig. Gen. Samson L. Faison; headquarters detachment 30th division Camp Jackson, 1 officer, 87 men; postal detachment 30th division, Camp Jackson, 1 officer, 23 men; 105th train headquarters, medical and ordnance detachments, Camp Jackson, 4 officers, 29 men; headquarters troops 30th division, Camp Jackson, 3 officers, 176 men; 117th infantry, headquarters second and third battalions, sanitary detachment, third battalion, companies G, H, K, L and M, Camp Jackson, 21 officers, 875 men; 119th infantry, regimental and first battalion headquarters, headquarters supply and machine gun companies, medical detachment first battalion, companies A, B, C and D, 32 officers and 1,200 men.

The Maui is due at New York March 30 with units of the 37th division aboard, as well as a casual company of negro troops for South Carolina.

The La Touraine, due at New York about March 28, has aboard casuals, and the transport Arizona is expected at New York April 2 with the mobile medical detachment, motor section headquarters and units of the 6th coast artillery park and the 646th, 257th, 101st, 43rd, 37th, 174th 170th 19th, 21st, 30th, 31st and 33d aero squadron.

#### Many Troops En Route.

The transport Henderson is due at New York March 31, with troops returning from France has on board 1,121 convalescent officers and men, a detachment of base hospital No. 22 and two casual companies.

The battleship Kansas is due at Newport News April 1 with the first battalion headquarters, medical detachment and companies A, B and C, of the 112th engineers (37th division); detachment of the 146th infantry (37th division), en route for Camps Meade, Lee, Gordon and Greene and a few casuals, and naval enlisted men.

The battleship Georgia, due at Newport News April 1, has on board the field and staff, headquarters company, second battalion headquarters company, second battalion headquarters, ordnance and medical detachments, and companies D, E and F, of the 112th engineers. On board also are detachments of the 148th infantry (37th division), en route to Camps Greene, Lee and Bowie; detachments of the 146th infantry and a few casuals.